

THE COMPUTER EDITION OF

# SCALEXTRIC®

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For Amstrad CPC

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## A Loading SCALEXTRIC®

### LOADING from Cassette:-

1. Insert the **Scalextric®** cassette in the cassette unit and make sure it is completely rewound to the beginning.
2. Press **CTRL** and the small **ENTER** key on the keyboard. You must press the **PLAY** key on the cassette unit.
3. Once the **SCALEXTRIC®** program is loaded, the titles display and the game starts. When the first prompt appears, press the **STOP** key on the cassette unit. Remove the cassette and keep it safe for next time.

### LOADING from disc:-

1. Insert the Scalextric ® disc
2. Type **CPM** then **ENTER**

## B INTRODUCTION

The **SCALEXTRIC®** program is an exciting two-part game for **1** or **2** players combining both circuit design and race simulation features.

The program provides the players with the thrill and challenge of racing on **17** pre-set simulated **Formula 1** tracks - both against each other or against the lap timer.

Circuits are easily designed using an icon-driven design utility and original circuits may be preserved for future games by saving to cassette or disc.

Each player has a "heads-up" **3D** view of the approaching race track and a plan view showing the car's position relative to the whole circuit.

An appendix at the back of the booklet shows the relative sizes and shapes of different types of track sections, together with a list of the **Formula 1** tracks included in the program.

## C THE SET-UP PROCEDURE

After the title screens, the set-up prompts appear and can be dealt with as shown below:

### PLEASE ENTER NAME PLAYER 1:

Type a name up to 7 letters long followed by **ENTER**.

### PLEASE ENTER NAME PLAYER 2:

If the **2nd** player is to be a **computer-generated** racer, simply press **ENTER**. The program will provide a name for this player.

If the **2nd** player is a **human** opponent - then type a name followed by **ENTER**.

### DO YOU HAVE A JOYSTICK PLAYER 1?

Press **Y** if you are using a joystick, if not then press **N** and define keys.

### DO YOU HAVE A JOYSTICK PLAYER 2?

Press **Y** or **N** (this question only comes up if there are 2 **human** participants).

### DESIGN CIRCUIT?

If you wish to design your own circuit press **Y**, otherwise press **N** (See the section on **Design Circuit** if you pressed **Y**).

### LOAD TRACK?

Press **Y** if you wish to load a circuit saved previously. Once the circuit has been loaded, you will be ready to race (See the section on **The Race**).

### CHOOSE A CIRCUIT - ACCEPT?

If you pressed **N** for the prior prompt, the program will draw one of the **17 Formula 1** tracks included in the program. If you do not accept a track, the next one is drawn in order as listed in the appendix. If you accept and select a track by typing **Y**, you will be ready to race.

## D DESIGN CIRCUIT

The first operation in the design stage is to position the start/finish straight. An arrow in the centre of the screen marks the current position of the start. Move the arrow to the desired position by using the keyboard or selected joystick.

The start/finish can be either **Horizontal** or **Vertical** - just press the letter **H** or **V** as appropriate. The track piece will be drawn on the screen.

You may now use either the cursor control keys or a joystick to select the next piece to be added onto the track. The available pieces are shown at the top of the screen, and the arrow will move to any desired piece. To select a particular piece, position the arrow and press **ENTER** or **FIRE** on the joystick. The piece chosen will be added to the track on the screen and also highlighted at the top of the screen. If you wish to use the same piece again, simply press **ENTER** or **FIRE** on the joystick.

To close a circuit, you must link up with the start/finish straight. This is achieved by adding track pieces until the last piece in the circuit is facing the start/finish straight and in the same direction (it may slightly overlap or be off-centre). At this point you can point the arrow to **CLOSE** and the program will close the circuit. If you are close enough, the program can actually fill in the gaps for you.

It is easy to correct any errors - point the arrow to **LIFT** and the last piece placed on the track will be lifted.

You have an unlimited number of pieces to play around with - subject only to the space available on the screen and a few simple rules:-

1. Banked curves should be used in groups of three.
2. Although you may criss-cross in the design, you cannot make a full circle without any straights.
3. Chicane can only be added to other chicane pieces - and only the in/out chicane piece can start and end a chicane.

At any time, you may cancel the design by pointing the arrow to **ABORT**- and this will return you to the start of the prompts.

Once the circuit is closed, you are able to save it for future games. The program prompts with **SAVE TRACK?** and you may keep it on cassette or disc.

Point the arrow to start after the circuit has been successfully closed to go on to the race section.

## E THE RACE

You must now select the length of the race in laps - type in a number between **1** and **99** and press **ENTER**. If player **2** is a **computer** driver you will be asked for the **OPPOSITION QUALITY** - enter a number between **1** (least skilled) and **3** (most skilled).

The race-track appears with both cars positioned on the grid and waiting for the flag to drop.

Player **1** controls the blue car with the track ahead in **3D** in the centre screen window and the bottom left plan view. This player's name, speed and lap time are shown in the bottom left screen area.

Similarly, player **2** controls the yellow car with the track ahead in **3D** in the top screen window and the bottom right plan view.

If the cars are close enough, they can appear in one or both screens. The position of each car in the track is shown on the appropriate plan view of the circuit as a small square.

To start moving, accelerate and press **FIRE** on Joystick or **LEFT** and **RIGHT** on the keyboard. You control your vehicle using the joystick or keys as shown below:-

### PLAYER 1

Joystick  
Forward - accelerate  
Back - Brake  
Left - move left  
Right - move right

Keyboard left-hand side  
As set by user.

### PLAYER 2

Joystick  
Forward - accelerate  
Back - brake  
Left - move left  
Right - move right

Keyboard right-hand side  
As set by user.

## CURVES AND SKIDDING

There are 4 types of curve - **OUTER**, **STANDARD**, **INNER** and **BANKED**. These present different pictures to the driver and the car acts differently on each type. The sharper the curve the greater the centrifugal force exerted on the car - the lower the maximum speed at which you may go round without skidding. The banked curve allows a higher speed than a normal curve!

Once you start skidding, there is a pronounced "**skid**" sound and the car will drift outwards on the curve. You may stop the skid by braking sufficiently. IF YOU ALLOW THE SKID TO PERSIST SO THAT YOU RUN ONTO THE GRASS VERGE, THE CAR WILL SLOW DOWN DRASTICALLY AND YOU CANNOT GET BACK ONTO THE TRACK UNTIL YOUR SPEED IS DOWN TO **APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES PER HOUR!!!**

## CRASHING

In a crash, the car approaching from behind is always destroyed and that player loses the race immediately! However, if the relative speed of the 2 vehicles is **less than** 20 miles per hour, the car in front will be pushed along by the car behind.

If the vehicles have drawn level, one car may shove the other sideways in order to pass or simply distract the other driver. This does not cause a crash!

## CHICANES

The chicane is only wide enough to accept one car - you must enter the chicane with your car approximately centred on the white lines or suffer a partial skid on the grass verge. This may slow you down considerably!

If **both** cars try to enter a chicane simultaneously, then one or both may suffer!

## LAP TIMES

These are highlighted after each lap and held on the screen for a short while before resetting - it is useful to check the other player's time as well as your own.

At any time, you may abort the race by pressing **ESC** (or the **ABORT** key you have set) and restart or change the circuit.

## F APPENDIX

### LENGTH EQUIVALENCE

4.49 x STRAIGHT A  
4 x STRAIGHT B  
2 x STRAIGHT C  
1 x STRAIGHT D  
1 x IN/OUT CHICANE  
1 x SKID CHICANE  
2 x SHORT CHICANE

### 180 DEGREE CURVE

8 x OUTER  
4 x STANDARD  
8 x HALF STANDARD  
2 x DOUBLE INNER  
4 x INNER  
8 x HALF INNER  
4 x CURVED CHICANE  
3 x BANKED

### FORMULA 1 CIRCUITS

RIO BRAZIL  
ESTORIL  
IMOLA  
MONACO  
BELGIUM  
VILLENUEVE  
DETROIT  
ZANDVOORT  
MONZA  
BRANDS HATCH  
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